

## 2025 Arbor Day Grant Program "PLANTING IDAHO"

## Congratulations

## You Have Been Awarded a 2025 Arbor Day Grant of \$350!

The Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA), in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Avista, Idaho Power, and Rocky Mountain Power congratulate your community as a recipient of a \$350.00 grant to assist in your celebration of Arbor Day 2025! We hope this event will encourage the members of your community to realize the important benefits trees provide, recognize the appropriate species of trees for various locations and promote a healthy community forest.

**PLANTING IDAHO's** communities not only add beauty, but also improve the environment, making your community more inviting to visitors, and increasing economic value in both downtown and residential areas. Let Arbor Day help you focus on the benefits that trees, and tree care can provide for everyone in your community.

We are encouraging INLA members to participate in the celebration, and for residents of all ages to enjoy the planting of trees that helps to make their community a great place to come home to. This is a chance to unite INLA member nurseries, the sponsoring Utilities (whose donations make this program possible) and communities in showing the public the critical role of trees in our communities. For Arbor Day ideas visit this website: www.arborday.org/arborday.

Reimbursement for this grant is <u>only offered</u> for the cost of trees (<u>excluding Fraxinus varieties</u>), shrubs and related materials necessary to plant or care for them (such as mulch, fertilizer, etc.).

We strongly encourage you to purchase from an INLA member who can give you professional advice and assistance with the selection of the right tree for the right place. You can go online for locations to purchase quality plant material by visiting our website at <a href="www.plantingidaho.org">www.plantingidaho.org</a> and click on "Locate A Professional". INLA member nurseries employ members of your community and offer their expertise in plant material placement and planting. If you have difficulty locating a member in your area, you can purchase from another business, but the nursery/garden center MUST hold an Idaho State Nursery & Floral License. You can check by going to: <a href="www.agri.idaho.gov/main/plants/nurseries-florists-and-landscaping/">www.agri.idaho.gov/main/plants/nurseries-florists-and-landscaping/</a>.

Attached to you email you will find an "Accomplishment Report" to be used for requesting your reimbursement. Receipts and proof of payment for the \$350 in eligible grant expenses and a completed W-9 tax identification form (attached to email) are to be sent in with the report. Next, please include all costs for the event including in-kind and donated services/materials so we can accurately report the "total" cost of Arbor Day celebrations. Please retain documentation to show your city's minimum cash match or in-kind donation match of 25% (\$82.50) for your files.

Reimbursement requests MUST be received no later than <u>July 30, 2025</u>, <u>If you choose a later date to celebrate</u>, <u>please contact me to set a different deadline date</u>. Communities not submitting reimbursement requests by this date, or making prior arrangements, may forfeit payment.

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS!

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